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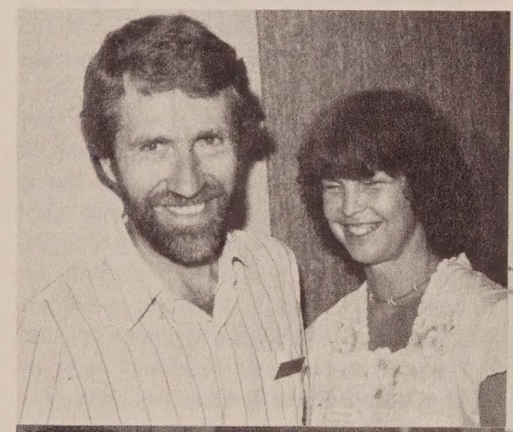
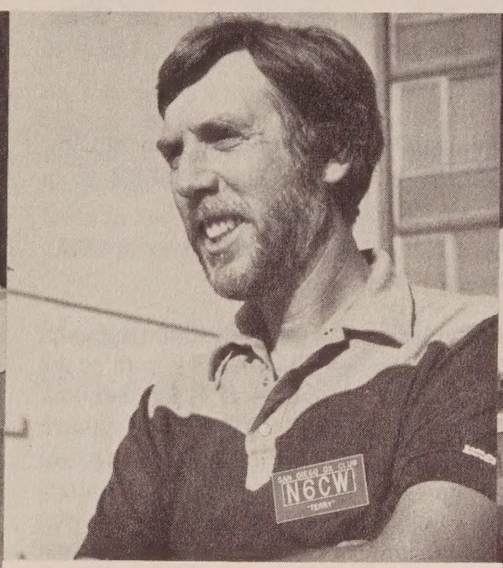
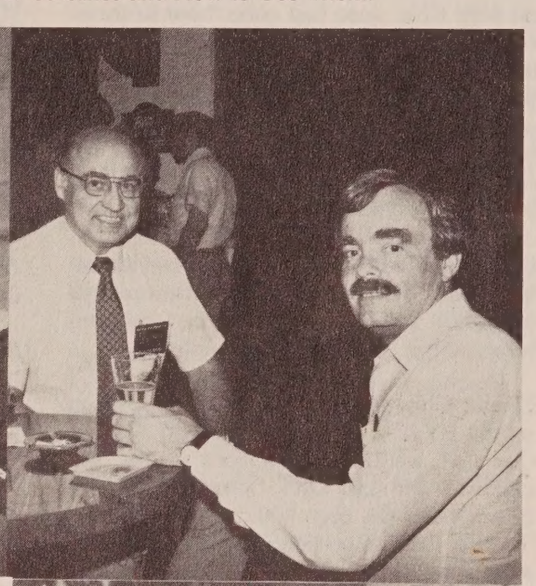
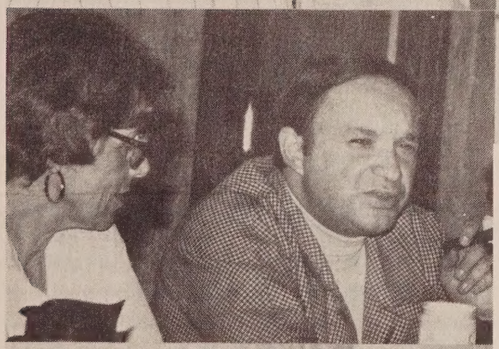
Next meeting: Thursday, May 13, 7:30 PM, DWP cafeteria, 111 Hope St.: Jack Somers, W6VGS, deputy chief area coordinator, U.S.A., AMSAT Corporation, with an excellent program entitled, "Amateur Satellites and How to Use Them."









Visalia: smash hit!

'Ham radio is doing for Visalia what Schlitz did for Milwaukee....'
—Erik, SMØAGD

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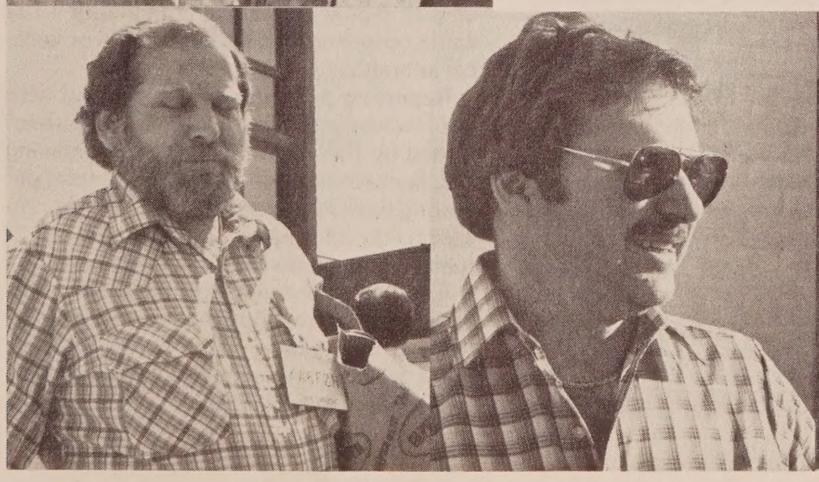

DX news highlights

ZA in August, **Martti, OH2BH,** writes in a letter to **N6AR.** And as if that weren't enough for the old central nervous system, he goes on to say he'll open up from **BY** in September. It's people like Martti who make life a bowl of cherries, right?

More **Albania**...item from *LIDXB:* "On 12 April EA8AK received a phone call from Tirana and...had a 30-minute QSO with EA2AJH/ZA on 3698 KHz. Jose had gone there to try to obtain permission for the EA/ZA group to operate. He didn't get it but was asked to demonstrate a QSO by Enver Hoxa, ZA3EH, who heads the Telecommunications Committee of the Albanian Govt." According to *QRZ DX,* Jose did indeed receive permission to bring in an expedition about mid-May or later, the group to include **EA2OP, EA2IA, EA8AK, EA2JG** and **EA2AFZ.** Jose left behind his TS180 and a government official (ZA3EH?) is happily SWLing on the ham bands with it.

China: Contradictions continue but a station signing **BY1PK** turns up on 15 and 20 CW, calls CQ, works a few stations on his own frequency and goes QRT. Some split frequency work also has been noted. *LIDXB* reports: "BY1PK has competition from pirates. Peking advised by telephone that the Chinese station will now stay close to 21,030 and 14.030 KHz and will use a straight key. The op will, invariably, ask for your name and QTH. Regular schedules are 01-03z with frequent appearances from 06-08z. Expect more BY stations in the very near future. QSL to Box 6106, Beijing, PRC."

W2IYX also says "Listen for possible announcement of N.A. BY1PK QSLs via VE7BC."

Mellish May 8-12: **VK9ZR** by **VK2BJL, DJ9ZB** and **EA8AK.** All bands, heavy on CW. From there they go on to **Willis,** May 15-20. QSLs (tentatively) go to **DJ9ZB.** *(From LIDXB).*

St. Peter and Paul Rocks May 14-21: **PY0RA** by **PY7YS,** heavy SSB with some CW. QSL **PY7YS.** *(Tnx, LIDXB).*

DL2VK/ST3 on 10 and 15 CW and SSB 12-19z...**LA1RR/ST0**on 10, 15 and 20 after 13z...**TN8AJ** is active on 40, 15 and 10 SSB but with no set times...**UA1PAL** 14025 at 15z, 14210 at 04z.

Tristan da Cunha: ZD9BV is moving away from the list operation and working more freestyle these days. Andy's been active on 10 meters, CW and SSB, oftentimes using a 5 to 10-KHz split. On phone, when the pileup is not too big, he'll comply with requests for CW. He also has been heard on the CW bands. QSL **W4FRU.**

A third station from the **Karen State: XZ5KNU/9** is being worked on 20 SSB. He gave his address to **W6GC** as P.O. Box 4-25, c/o TEA Scholarship Fund, Bankok, Thailand 10250.

SM0AGD world tour: Erik made known at Visalia some of his plans. He will be joining the crew of the 50-foot yacht *Marathon* on a two-year voyage, putting in at **ZK1** (North Cook) in May, **ZM7** in June, and **T31** and **KH1** in July. Other stops under consideration include **T30, T2, FW8** and **A35** this year; and **Willis, Mellish** and **Spratley** in 1983. QSLs to **SM3CXS.**

Don, N6ZV, operating **FM0GA** on 20 CW. **9U5WR** 15 CW 19z; QSL **SP6FER** (from whom mail *is* being received).

A92CE on 15 CW...**CE0ZAD** on 15 SSB... **D68AM**, likewise, at 21z.

8Z4 probably will be deleted, said **Jim Rafferty, N6RJ**, at this year's Visalia DX Forum; so will **HK0, Baja Nuevo,** and **KS4, Serrana Bank**...Rafferty also said, "If an operation were to materialize from North Korea, there would be changes." In other words, the countries list would increase by one. Later in the Forum, during a discussion of the proposed 20-meter phone subband expansion, **Dick Reimer, W6ET,** went on record as opposed to such a change, feeling that it would be deleterious to DXing. Immediately, Rafferty polled the audience on the issue. The result—an even split: 50 per cent for, 50 per cent against.

Contest Forum touched controversial issues too

Several controversial cases were discussed in the Contest Forum as well, including the one involving K5SF.

In a recent contest, a General Class operator used an Extra Class station—and call—outside the General Class band limits. The Extra Class licensee was present, but K5SF questioned whether or not he had legal control over the station. (The ARRL Contest Branch reviewed the case and said there was no evidence of wrongdoing.)

Also discussed was petition to change KH6 and KL7 from the current independent country status used for DX contests to a U.S.A. *state* status. The majority favored no change.

Larry Brockman, N6AR, made several announcements concerning CQ contests. He said Bernie, W8IMZ, has resigned as manager/coordinator for the CQ WPX and someone is needed to run this increasingly popular contest.

—**K5KT**

Visalia: smash hit

The 1982 California International DX Convention held April 16-18 in Visalia was indeed a smash hit, and it's going to be a tough act to follow for next year's chairman, Bill Zakman, W6TPH.

Special thanks to all those who made Visalia such a success, especially:

- Larry Brockman, N6AR
- Neil Kaltman, K6SMF
- Don Bostrom, N6IC
- Bernie Abramson, W6PJX
- Irv Emig, W6GC

Thanks also to those who supplied a truly dazzling array of prizes, particularly:

- Ham Radio Outlet, Anaheim
- Henry Radio, West Los Angeles
- Madison Electronics, Houston
- Jun Electronics
- TET Antennas
- Bell Industries
- Isotron Antennas
- Eimac, Division of Varian
- Tristao Towers
- S-F Amateur Radio Services

SCDXC Summer Sprint

The summer SCDXC intra-club contest runs within the 1982 IARU Radiosport Championship for a period of 12 hours, single operator category only. See the May 1982 issue of *QST* for rules and ITU zone list.

The SCDXC Sprint entrant must be a full member, associate member, or honorary life member of the Southern California DX Club. He may operate a maximum of 12 hours (within the 48-hour span of the IARU contest). From the time of the first overall contact to the time of the last overall contact, a maximum of three breaks may be taken. Breaks are to be shown in the log. Total operating time does not include time taken on a break.

The entrant may compete in one of three categories: I—Maximum legal power with multi-element antenna or rhombic; II—100 watts output maximum with multi-element antenna or rhombic *or* maximum legal power with dipole or vertical antenna; III—100 watts output maximum with dipole or vertical antenna.

Reporting procedures are identical with the Radiosport. In addition, an entry sheet signed by the entrant is required, showing call, license class, power/antenna, total operating time, and claimed score. Third party assistance, of course, is prohibited (no 2-meter spotting, no use of DX lists or nets).

Each entrant must observe FCC rules applicable to his license class. An entrant who, in the opinion of the judges, violates these rules or those of the competition is subject to disqualification.

WB4ZNH calls the list 'a blight' on ham radio

In a handout at Visalia, Carl Henson, WB4ZNH, said, "The DX list is a degrading and obnoxious blight on amateur radio."

His letter was in response to adverse reaction he has received regarding his proposal that lists be declared outside the bounds of good sportsmanship. He wants ARRL to modify DXCC Rule 12 by adding a sentence to the effect that "the taking of lists and the solicitation of DX stations to operate from a 'list' or 'DX net' is poor operating ethics.

"The American Radio Relay League has informed me," he writes, "that they have received more comments regarding my proposed rule change than on any other subject they have ever received mail about: 74.7 percent of the letters received are opposed to my proposal! Only 24.3 percent are in favor of the change to Rule 12. Three to one in favor of lists! We cannot blame the ARRL for inaction if we won't take any ourselves."

So many people, he says, "see *some* good in a list. There was a time when I did also. However, the problem has reached such large proportions that I now think that *no* list is better....

"The DX list doesn't teach anyone anything. The excuse is always that the poor fellow doesn't have any experience handling a pileup, or he doesn't understand English. Well, being spoon-fed contacts isn't going to teach him how to operate...(and) the people who work DX on a list can't learn any more about operating than what the owner's manual for their radio can tell them.

"Some people have taken lists and still take lists with the highest of motives. They are in a small minority. If they would study the ARRL antenna handbook or some other good reference on 'angles of radiation,' they would understand why they are doing DXers such a disservice. Invariably, the DXer who can get on the list can barely hear the DX, and the one who hears the DX so well can't get on the list."

Carl wants interested parties to write John Lindholm at ARRL.

At this year's DX Forum in Visalia, Jim Rafferty, N6RJ, said DXAC "will probably suggest no changes" to Rule 12. "The issue was studied in 1978 and it was decided that the QSO should remain so long as it's legitimate. This was reported in September 1979 QST."

Heard Island expedition very strong possibility

A two-week operation from Heard Island early in 1983 is in the works, Ian Hunt, VK5QX announced at Visalia, and the chances of it becoming a reality are extremely good.

"The Wireless Institute of Australia will be backing this effort," he said, "which is to take place in January or February of 1983."

The cost is being shared by a group of mountaineers, who are said to be eager to climb Heard's Big Ben. "When conditions are favorable," Hunt said, "they want to lay siege to that mountain. It is this mutual involvement that has made the DXpedition feasible."

The mountain climbers will be putting up $50,000, and the amateur community is expected to do the same. Donations are needed and can be made to the IDXF, P.O. Box 117, Manahawkin, NJ 08050.

ARRL Board taking aggressive stance, says Jay Holladay

The fact that 39 countries now are allowing their amateur licensees to use the new 10-MHz band—and in some cases the 18 and 24-MHz bands as well—is largely responsible for the ARRL board of directors taking a more aggressive stance toward the FCC, Jay Holladay, W6EJJ, told the DX Forum in Visalia.

FCC has said 10 MHz won't be allocated until the Senate ratifies the WARC treaty. But, Holladay said, "Three FCC commissioners are very favorable to the amateur side—that is, letting us use the band on a temporary basis. ARRL legal counsel has researched it and found a precedent for early allocation."

(This was reported in the April issue of the *SCDXC Bulletin*. The precedent occurred circa 1912-1916 when a WARC treaty was implemented two years before ratification.)

Holloday said the filing is complete and a full Commission review has been requested.

"We understand that we are secondary users in this 50-KHz shared band, and no pileups or competition will be encouraged. No DXCC credit will be given for countries worked on 10 MHz."

Asked about pressure by outside interests who do *not* want to see the band released to U.S. amateurs, Holloday said he knew of no such group. "All objections, including those of any U.S. interests, were handled in WARC with footnotes."

Senators Cranston and Hayakawa still are sitting on things in D.C. W6YQ wrote them February 12, and three months have gone by with no response. But your letter just might be the one that breaks that logjam loose. Write the Senators urging prompt ratification of Senate Treaty 97-21, Radio Regulations and Final Protocols, Geneva 1979: The Honorable Alan Cranston, Russell Senate Office Building, Room 229, Washington, DC 20510; The Honorable S.I. Hayakawa, 6217 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

W3LPL DX Copy winner

A KT-34A was awarded to W3LPL for picking out 42 of 125 callsigns in the grueling N6TJ DX Copy Quiz at Visalia.

N6CW heard 40, N6DHV 39 and N6TR 34.

Club members on Honor Roll

Mixed

318: **W6AM** (365), **W6EE** (361), **W6BA** (359), **W6PT** (357), **W6RT** (357), **W6KZL** (356), **W6ET** (352), **K6EV** (346), **W6REH** (346), **W6EL** (345), **W6FW** (344), **N6AV** (341), **W6EUF** (339). 317: **W6RKP** (354), **N6AR** (343), **K6YRA** (340). 316: **N6GM** (341), **W7CB** (334). 315: **W6UQQ** (349), **W6YA** (343), **W6KZS** (339). 314: **W6HX** (359), **W7AO** (352), **W6HFL** (342), **N6UC** (330). 313: **W6QNA** (345), **W6YMV** (340), **W6GC** (326). 312: **W6EJJ** (332). 311: **N6DX** (340), **N6CW** (331), **N6AW** (326), **W6AE** (326). 310: **N6RJ** (322). 309: **W6UY** (321).

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CW: 297: **W6PT** (301).

Ideas needed

What endeavors do you think should receive financial support from SCDXC? The upcoming Heard Island expedition? A scholarship fund?

The officers welcome and appreciate your comments.

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Contest calendar

May 8-9	**USSR CQ-M Contest**
May 8-9	**World Telecomm. Phone**
May 15-16	**World Telecomm. CW**
May 29-30	**CQ WW WPX CW**
May 29-30	**Ibero-American Phone**
June 19-20	**All Asian Phone**
July 10-11	**IARU Radiosport**
Aug 21-22	**All Asian CW**

N4XX propagation

This forecast applies more to polar paths than those of the lower latitude, Ted Cohen says. April through August, 10 meters will be dominated by sporadic E, but there is no substitute for listening. The 54-day forecast begins May 17.

Ted also says that the second edition of *The Shortwave Propagation Handbook* by George Jacobs, W3ASK, and himself now is available from *CQ* magazine.

A, H, L, B, D: Above, High, Low, Below, Disturbed

9	H	16	H	23	H	30	L
10	H	17	H	24	H	31	H/A
11	H	18	H	25	H	1	H
12	H	19	H	26	L/B	2	A/B
13	H	20	H	27	B	3	B
14	L	21	A	28	L	4	B
15	H/L	22	H	29	L	5	H

Classified

Selling Culver City residence. Make me an offer on my Tri-Ex HZ354N freestanding heavy duty 54-foot crankup (comparable current model is LN-354); also 204BA; prop pitch, selsyns, indicator, cabling. Many other items too. O.J. Mills, KN6N, ex-W6CYI (213) 398-9520 (res.) or 820-1234, ext 230.

Custom linear 2 Kw PEP CONTINUOUS duty; 220 V only; set up for 20 and 15 meters (tube 2.5 Kw diss.); tabletop RF deck fully metered; extra Amperex 6076s. Nice job for only $250. Roy, KB6LW (213) 352-6478.

IC-290 all mode 2-mtr tcvr, brand new: $400. Kenwood AT-200 tuner, $125. KLM PA2-70B 2-mtr linear: $100. Bencher paddle, black: $30. Dick, KA6FZN (714) 732-9197 days.

3-BR, 1½-bath home in La Canada on private drive. Complete with telescoping tubular Tristao 70-foot tower. Great DX location. $150,000 ($58,000 assumable loan at 10% interest). Owner will carry 2nd. Or, $795/month to rent. Mary, WA6CWR (213) 957-0951.

One-owner Collins KWM-2 with latest Collins mods including plug-in relays. Also DX Engineering RF processor; 312-B5 external VFO, wattmeter and patch; 516-F2 console power supply. All mint condition and to be sold together for $850. Brian, W6LZP (213) 957-0951.

Collins 75S-3B w/500-Hz filter, speaker $250; 32S-3 w/516F-2 power supply, SM1 mike $300; 30L-1 w/Tempo output and SWR meter $300. All winged label and in excellent condition with manuals and cables. Hal, W6BUO (213) 391-0244.

Kenwood TS-130S w/250-Hz filter $575; TS-120S w/500-Hz $500; VFO-120S $125; PS-30 $105. Mike, W6YQ (213) 445-0700.

New members

Gerald Strauss, KB6BP (full), P.O. Box 556, Hawthorne 90250

George Churpek, N6FL (full), 839 Cambon Circle, Ojai 93023

Richard E. Smith, KB6UI (full), 3728 Township Avenue, Simi Valley 93063

—**W6CN**

SCDXC activities

May 24: Board of directors meeting on the yacht *Aurelius*, berthed at Marina del Rey.

June 10: Regular meeting, 7:30 PM, DWP cafeteria, 111 Hope St.

July 8: Annual Pizza Bash: time and place to be announced.

July 10-11: SCDXC Summer Sprint: see details on page 2.

August: A Sunday afternoon outing and picnic for the whole family: more later.